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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 3/16/2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Examiner's Notice of Allowance, dated March 7, 2006, should have included the amendment now submitted and a reason for allowance. That paper is missing from the file.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims recite an improved means for preventing electric discharge of a battery by including a hook portion which engages with a holder or a housing. Such a combination is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

